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1. DELEGATION MAY INFORM CHILEANS WE WISH TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN AVOIDING A HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE THAT DETERIORATES INTO AN ANTI-CHILEAN PROPAGANDA CIRCUS STAGE-MANAGED BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS. WE WOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SUPPORT AND IF CHILEANS DESIRE WOULD WORK AGAINST RESOLUTION FLOATED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (REFTEL A) WHICH WE FIND PREMATURELY CONDEMNATORY AND AN INJUDICIOUSLY BIASED FRAME OF REFERENCE ON WHICH TO BASE ANY COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. LIKEWISE, WE WOULD WORK CONFIDENTIAL

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AGAINST ANY SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION WHICH ATTEMPTED TO PASS

JUDGMENT FIRST AND GATHER FACTS AFTERWARDS. WE WELL UNDERSTAND GOC RELUCTANCE TO COOPERATE WITH COMMITTEE FORMULATED UNDER SUCH PREJUDICIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

- 2. IF A BROAD RANGE OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER SERIOUS DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS (E.G. WEO'S) SHOULD DEVELOP, WE WOULD WANT TO CONSULT FURTHER ABOUT WHAT TO DO RE SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED RESOLUTION, LACKING CONDEMNATORY PROVISIONS, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A STUDY GROUP TO LOOK INTO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE.
- 3. FYI. IN EITHER SCENARIO, WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID BEING ONLY (OR, IF POSSIBLE) PRINCIPLE DEFENDER OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. IF THE CHILEANS SHOULD COUNTER-THRUST WITH AN ANTI-SOVIET RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOVIETS ON SOLZHENITSYN INCIDENT, WE WOULD FOR MOMENT AT LEAST WANT TO AVOID GETTING OUT IN FRONT AND ALSO DESIRE TO SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY EVEN TO CHILEANS ABOUT SOLZHENITSYN AND DISCUSSION HIS CASE IN UN. END FYI.
- 4. IF CHILEANS REQUEST OUR ADVICE, SUPPORT, OR OUR SERVICES AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN THEIR SOLZHENITSYN STRATEGY, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT TACTICAL DECISION OF COURSE IS THEIRS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH WHAT MAY APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF THE SOLZHENITSYN CASE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES IN THE HRC.
- 5. YOU MAY WISH TO ASK CHILEANS TO CONSIDER DIRECTING COUNTER EFFORTS AGAINST CUBANS RATHER THAN SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. GIVEN PRESENT CLIMATE, CHILEANS MIGHT FIND CUBANS MORE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK. WE ALSO SEE POTENTIAL MERIT IN CHILEAN PERMREP'S EXPRESSED RECEPTIVENESS TO WELCOMING HRC DELEGATES TO CHILE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY (REFTEL A, PARA 1). PERHAPS A TIMELY INVITATION TO SELECTED UNBIASED REPS OF HRC WOULD TAKE HEAT OUT OF ANTI-CHILEAN CASE FOR THIS SESSION.
- 6. POSITIONS IN PARAS ABOVE REPRESENT DEPT'S PRELIMINARY CONFIDENTIAL.

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THINKING BASED ON THE LIMITED INFO NOW AVAILABLE. BEFORE TAKING FIRM POSITION, WE WILL REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION ON EVOLVING SITUATION; SPECIFICALLY, TEXTS OF ANY RESOLUTIONS, AND NATURE OF THAT SUPPORT (I.E., TRENDS AMONG WE'S, LA'S, ETC.). PLEASE KEEP DEPT PROMPTLY INFORMED.

7. CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF TELEGRAM TO CHILEAN GOVERN-MENT PER REFTEL B, WE WOULD LIKE GENERALLY TO KEEP IN

STEP WITH CHILEANS ON THIS MATTER UNLESS SUCH AN APPROACH
WOULD LEAVE US ISOLATED, IN WHICH CASE YOU SHOULD SEEK
NEW INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST. RUSH

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